

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the Claims 54, 56-58, 60-62 and 64-69 of record in this instant application as follows: *Claims 1-53 previously canceled:*

54. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication comprising the steps of:

- a) transmitting handset unit data via wireless communication methods to a portable local communication base unit a relatively short distance away;
- b) receiving data by handset unit via wireless communication methods from [[a]] the portable local communication base unit a relatively short distance away;
- c) using said wireless transmitting handset unit to relaying said data for data ~~communication~~ communicate data selectively to and from either one of the following: [[a]] the portable local communication base unit ~~and or~~ an external wide area network, and
- d) communicating said transmitting handset unit data for computer use and for bi-directional communication.

55. (Previously Canceled)

56. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication as recited in Claim 54, in which said handset unit is configured to ~~used as~~ a personal digital assistant (PDA) having functions in addition to typical handset communication functions.

57. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication as recited in Claim 54, in which said handset unit is configured to ~~used as~~ a cellular telephone unit.

58. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication recited in Claim 54, in which the handset ~~used to communicate~~ communicates with multiple handset units or earset units.

59. (Previously Canceled)

60. (Previously Presented) A method for handset unit communication as recited in Claim 54, in which said handset unit is used to access the Internet via the portable local communication base unit.

61. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication as recited in Claim 54, in which said handset unit is configured to function as a hands free speakerphone-like operation, wherein a user has an option to speak toward a microphone located on the handset unit at a distance from the user's mouth substantially larger than a conventional telephone handset.

62. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication comprising the steps of:

- a) communicating bi-directional wireless ~~communication~~ handset unit data for wireless data networking with a portable base unit;
- b) transmitting wireless radio frequency (RF) data from the handset unit to said portable base unit;
- c) receiving by handset unit wireless radio frequency (RF) data from said portable base unit; and
- d) communicating said handset unit data from steps (a) and (b) for the intended purpose of having the portable base unit relay said data to and from an external wide area network.

63. (Previously Canceled)

64. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication, as recited in Claim 62, in which said handset unit is ~~used for~~ configured to data networking functions communicating with one or more handset units forming a local area network.

65. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication, as recited in Claim 62, in which the handset unit is configured to communicate with said external wide area network, wherein the external wide area network is substantially the Internet.

66. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication, as recited in Claim 62, in which ~~said handset is used as~~ functions of said handset unit are alternatively performed by an earset unit .

67. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication, as recited in Claim 62, in which said handset unit is configured to function ~~used as~~ a wireless cellular telephone unit.

68. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication, as recited in Claim 62, in which said handset unit is configured ~~used to~~ send and receive e-mail via said external wide area network .

69. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication, as recited in Claim 62, in which said handset unit is configured to used for communicate voice and/or audio ~~communication functions~~ information.